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Temple Tragedy: 29 still critical

Former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah speaks to a patient at K.R. Hospital in city this morning as KPCC Chief Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Minister Puttaranga Shetty and Hanur MLA R. Narendra look on. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Dec.15 (MTY,RK&BCT)- Even as the bus tragedy at Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura of Mandya that took place exactly three Saturdays back (Nov.24) where 30 persons lost their lives is fresh in the minds of people, another horrifying case of mass poisoning shook Chamarajanagar and Mysuru yesterday where over 11 people died after consuming prasadam at Maramma Temple in Sulwadi village of Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar.

In all, over 104 persons were affected in the temple tragedy. While the official figure of death toll stands at 11, 93 persons have been admitted to various hospitals in Mysuru with the State-run K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital taking the patient load. Of them, 29 persons are said to be in a critical condition.

According to the data provided by Health Department officials this morning, 30 persons including women and children have been admitted to K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital and 4 are critical, 16 have been admitted to JSS Hospital and 8 critical, 13 have been admitted to Apollo Hospital and 6 are critical, 11 are in Cauvery Hospital and 4 critical, 6 have been admitted to Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Hospital and 2 are critical, 5 victims have been admitted to Columbia Asia Hospital and 3 are in a critical state, Suyog Hospital has 11 patients and 2 are in a critical condition and one patient is being treated at Bhanavi Hospital.

All the critical patients are currently on the ventilator. "We are trying to ensure that all victims get the best possible help. Their condition is being monitored continuously," Chamarajanagar DC B.B. Cauvery and Additional Deputy Commissioner C.L. Anand said.

Doctors said that all the critical patients have to be monitored constantly as the pesticide content in the blood does not go away easily. "They might show some improvement but it will take at least 8 to 10 days for them to come out of danger," doctors said.

K.R. Hospital that has been handling most of the patients since yesterday had a steady stream of visitors this morning. Hundreds of relatives of patients who have been admitted there clogged the wards, corridors, Outpatient and Inpatient Departments and the Surgical Block. On an average, over 1,500 people visit the hospital every day and doctors said that this is for the first time that K.R. Hospital is handling continuous flow of patients.

(See TEMPLE TRAGEDY on page 13)

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Ambiance at workplace

Officers of various Departments of the Government and those of companies in the corporate sector make a fascinating study of their ambiance. While the *scene* that strikes an observer in the offices of either Union Government or its counterparts in the States and Union Territories across the country may fall into a common pattern familiar to all, *that* of the workplaces in the indigenously established companies representing the Indian corporate sector provides a sharp contrast on many counts, particularly the ambiance during *working hours*. Although the line *Government work is God's work* adorns the entrance door of the Karnataka Government's Secretariat, the army of quill-drivers seem to have taken the message therein lightly, barring a few exceptions among them. The first casualty of discipline on their part, unarguably, is *punctuality*. Regarding work *ethics,* including the common practice of absenting from their seats while on duty, less said the better.

Procrastination in attending to the needs of citizens seeking clearances and issuing related official records as proof of complying with the laws of the land resulting in what has come to be described as *'running from pillar to post'* leaves no option to the public other than bearing the brunt of the *babus* as it were.

The factors impacting the ambiance of the workplace in Government Offices not only fall into the realm of attitude of the staff to work but also are extraneous, such as diverse castes and faiths, language of interacting, levels of education, social background and so on, not to forget decorum in attiring. The most glaring feature that relates to ambiance in the Government Offices is that individually one doesn't have to *earn* one's wages, the monthly salary being more or less guaranteed. The factor that leaves no option to the staff in the offices of the corporates on their toes as it were all the time is that every employee has to *earn* his wages, with *time is money* as the bottom line.

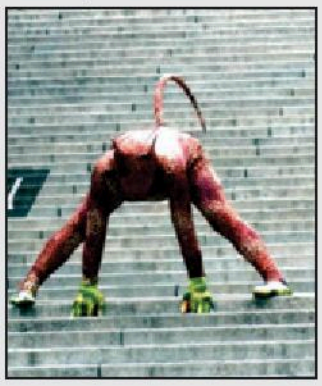
According to a study, the top ten companies preferred by technology professionals in the corporate sector are multinational on the count of both ambiance at workplace and scope for career growth in India. There are no signs of the staff in Government Offices inclined to emulate their counterparts in the corporate sector.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

GIANT TORTOISE OFFERS CLUE TO A LONG LIFE: ***Galapagos giant tortoises possess genetic variants linked to DNA repair, immune response and cancer suppression — providing clues into their longevity, according to a study. A team of researchers sequenced the genomes of two such tortoises, including Lonesome George — the last known member of the subspecies Geochelone nigra abingdoni, who died in 2012. They detected "lineage specific variants affecting DNA repair genes, inflammatory mediators and genes related to cancer development," according to the study published in the journal*** *Nature Ecology & Evolution. — In The Hindu.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Grandpa's 'Leopard Fitness'



Jinan: 68-year-old pensioner Mi Youren from Jinan, China, loves to put on a tight leopard costume complete with tail and pointy ears, and practice a fitness routine based on the movements of the athletic feline.

Every day, Mi Youren puts on his goofy leopard costume and heads to parks and gardens in his home city of Jinan to practice "leopard fitness". He walks, runs and climbs stairs on all fours, lays flat on the ground with his limbs extended, imitates the cleaning ritual of the leopard, does handstands, all to keep in tip top shape and at the same time entertain passers-by. Mi has been practicing leopard fitness for 18 years and, as goofy as some of his exercises look, they seem to have kept him in great shape for his age.

Most amazing cardboard sculptures

Taipei: A 24-year-old self-taught artist from Taiwan, known as 'Tony Stark of cardboard' has been creating incredible sculptures out of a material that most of us throw away.

Artist Kai-Xiang Zhong, over the last three years, the young Taiwanese artist has been busy adding to his collection of stunning cardboard sculptures, which now features life-size animals, monsters and an awe-inspiring bust of , life-size replica of Marvel's Iron Man, Pennywise, the scary clown.

The breathtaking cardboard sculptures in Zhong's collection range from detailed miniatures of animals, insects, and monsters, to detailed busts and life-size action heroes and fantastic creatures.

But the one that recently drew the attention of his fans was a stunningly realistic bust of Pennywise the clown, made exclusively of cardboard.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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HC designates Mysuru-based Arvind Kamath as Senior Advocate

Arvind Kamath

Mysuru, Dec. 15- The Karnataka High Court (HC) has designated 18 lawyers as Senior Advocates. Among them is Kuloor Arvind Kamath from Mysuru.

Arvind Kamath was born to Kuloor Madhav Kamath and Gowri Madhav Kamath. Kuloor Madhav was a businessman who moved to Mysuru from Mangaluru in the 1950s.

Arvind Kamath studied Law at JSS Law College and completed his LL.B. in 1992 and secured the first rank in the University of Mysore. He did his LL.M at National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

Arvind Kamath enrolled as an Advocate in June 1993 and started practicing in Kamath & Kamath, Advocates, a law firm set up by two of his brothers. From the year 2000, he started his independent practice in Bengaluru. Arvind was awarded the British Chevening Scholarship by the British Council, under which he underwent training in English and EU Commercial and Corporate Laws.

Arvind Kamath has been the Assistant Editor in the Karnataka Law Reporting Council and was part of the team that prepared Head Notes for reportable judgements of the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court for publication in the Indian Law Reports (Karnataka) Edition.

He has been practicing in the areas of Constitutional law, Civil and Commercial disputes including Intellectual Property Rights as well as Arbitration. Arvind Kamath is married to Deepa Kamath, a home-maker and has a son and a daughter.

531st Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations on Dec. 16

Mysuru, Dec.15 - City-based BEML Limited Kanaka Seva Samithi has organised 531st Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations on Dec. 16 at 10.30 am at Subramanyaswamy temple, Hebbal HUDCO 3rd Stage in city. Kaginele Kanaka Gurupeetha Mysuru Branch Mutt pontiff Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji will grace the occasion. Congress leader Doddaswamegowda will preside. Meritorious students of the community will be feted along with achievers Dr. H.G. Umesh, Assistant Professor Dr. B. Jayalakshmi and Senior Journalist N.M. Mahadev.

Really...?

- ***Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park covers an area of 5,532 acres (22 square kilometers). It is said to have been built on the concepts of the Hindu Mythology, and is home to some of the animals that exist in ancient texts like Ramayana and Mahabharata.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A priest was talking to kids about peer pressure. He told them that at school they could be pressured into becoming bullies, or in a store they might be dared to steal something, both of which were bad. Then he asked, "What other pressures you might have?" One little girl responded, *"Blood Pressure !!"*

Today's Currency Rate

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VOICE OF THE READER

Khata transfer from MUDA to MCC not land owner's job

Sir,

The Layout in SBM Colony has recently been transferred from MUDA control to the MCC. By this, the residents are in no way obliged to get their khatas transferred from MUDA to MCC and it is only a formality for the Government Department to transfer the concerned files from MUDA to MCC along with all the relevant land documents to enable the MCC to open fresh khata account in their books and fix the house tax as per self-assessment by the owner under the parameters fixed by the Government and later checked by the Revenue Inspectors on inspection.

But the whole process is manipulated by the MCC and the house owner is unnecessarily asked to apply for a fresh khata at MCC by paying a fees of Rs. 2,100 for a 40x60 site apart from enclosing notorised site documents with latest Encumbrance Certificate (EC).

The MCC takes its own time to issue fresh khata making the applicants to visit the Office several times.

After observing all these formalities formulated by the MCC, I question the MCC whether it is necessary for the house owner to apply for khata transfer at all, paying the fees as it is a mere transfer of files from MUDA to MCC and open new ledger account.

Application for khata transfers, as I understand, are usually done only in the case of sale/transfer of house property and not in th is case. **Hence, I request that the rule for applying for khata transfer in the above case in SBM Colony should be scrapped and arrange for transfer/handing over of all land documents including the original khata from MUDA to MCC and continue in their office with the same khata number instead of giving fresh numbers.**

The house owners should not be burdened with additional fees of Rs. 2,100. The MCC Commissioner may please examine the procedure and streamline the system in the interest of the citizens and refund the amount already collected in the name of khata fees based on the measurement of site immediately within one month. The MCC cannot override the legally issued documents of MUDA.

—K.V. Ramanath
SBM Colony, Srirampura
12.12.2018

NOTE: *This is the problem with bureaucracy. The Top Boss drags the question and advantage is for his subordinates. If you question, the answer is 'go to the Bigger Boss or the Court.'*

I remember in one case, to help a Charitable Institution to get back its money from the MCC, I had to engage a lawyer and produce a judgement of Punjab High Court and, I think, also of the Supreme Court.

Luckily there was a Commissioner in MCC, unlike his predecessor, who understood the legal points and refunded the money.

*My take — Efficient administration is possible only if the top boss knows his job, takes pain to read the records (not allowing his subordinate to do and believing him) and one who is not corrupt, nor will he allow his subordinates to be corrupt. — **Editor-in-Chief***

Hanuma Jayanti on Dec.20

Mysuru, Dec.15- Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple Trust, Gangotri Layout, founded by former MLA late H.S. Shankaralingegowda, will be celebrating Hanuma Jayanti at the proposed site for old age home, Gangotri layout in the city on Dec.20 (Thursday). Marking the occasion, a grand procession will be taken out from Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 10.30 am.

District Minister G.T. Devegowda and MLA S.A. Ramdas will be the guests. Hosamutt Seer Sachidananda Swamiji and Adichunchanagiri Shakha Mutt Seer Somanathananda Swamiji will grace the occasion.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Comedy Play

Comedy play 'Tharle Thippanna,' based on Belur Krishnamurthy's work, will be staged at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises today (Dec.15) at 6.30 pm.

Human Rights Org. inauguration

The District Unit of Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Force will be inaugurated at a programme to take place at Amba Bhavani Bhavan, N.R. Mohalla at 11 am tomorrow (Dec.16). Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, former MLA Maruthi Rao Pawar and others will be present on the occasion. For details, Call Mob: 83104-26665.

Sangha to felicitate fresh graduates

The Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, will felicitate fresh graduates and post-graduates of the community at Vishweswaranagar in the city at 11 am tomorrow (Dec.16). Cultural programmes will also be a part of the event. Also, year 2019 calendar will be released on the occasion. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and former MLA M.K. Somashekar will be the guests on the occasion. For details, Call Ph: 0821-2440134/ 96320-70134.

Power generation

Coinciding with organic farming fair (Savayava Santhe), the city's Nisarga Trust will be holding a demonstration on domestic solar power generation and consumption at its premises located at No.794, 10th Main Road, 'D' Block, JSS College Road, J.P. Nagar at 10 am tomorrow (Dec.16). The demonstration will be conducted by S.R. Keshvamurthy of Shakti Renewables. For details, Call Ph: 0821-2543627, Mob: 99015-93656.

B.Ed exam results announced

The University of Mysore has announced the results of B.Ed second and fourth semester exam held in Nov.2018, in the University website:http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in, according to a press release.

Open auction of tamarind fruit

Nearly 30 fruit-bearing tamarind trees belonging to Deputy Commandant, KSRP Mounted Company, Mysuru Unit will be auctioned on Dec.27 at 11 am at its office premises. For more information, call Ph: 0821-2418556. Auction of unused articles: The auction of 53 l-LR (in life refrigerators) (CFC/NCFC) and deep freezers that is old in District Health and Family Welfare Office is being auctioned on Dec.21 at 11 am at its office premises in Nazarbad. For details, call Ph: 0821-2529205.

Black Friday: 11 die after eating temple prasadam

The Maramma Temple in Sulwadi village in Hanur taluk where the tragedy took place.

Mysuru/ Kollegal, Dec.15 (UNI &OSR) - At least 11 people, including a 12-year-old girl and a seven-year-old boy died and over 60 were hospitalised after consuming temple 'prasadam' distributed at Maramma temple in Sulwadi village in Hanur taluk, Chamarajanagar district last evening in a suspected case of food poisoning.

While seven died at the Government hospital in Kollegal and other hospitals, four died at the K.R. Hospital and a private hospital in Mysuru, according to Chamarajanagar S.P. Dharmendra Kumar Meena. Over 100 people have been admitted at different hospitals in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

The Maramma temple is in Sulwadi village along the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border and most of the victims were Tamil-speaking workers. Many had gathered to offer thanks on being blessed with a child after years of marriage.

The devotees had participated in a programme ahead of their visit to Om Shakti temple in Tamil Nadu and took part in a few rituals after which there was foundation laying puja for the construction of temple tower (Gopura).

Subsequently, they were given 'rice bath' as prasadam around noon and a few of them immediately experienced a vomiting sensation. This was reported by other devotees also and soon scores of devotees who had consumed the prasadam complained of dizziness while a few vomited.

The devotees were immediately rushed to the local primary Health Centre for first aid but the doctors and the paramedical staff at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) suspected that their condition was grave. Hence, they were immediately shifted to different hospitals including the K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, Government Hospital in Kollegal and a few private medical institutions at Kamagere and Ramapura.

The Doctors and the nurses struggled to handle the sudden rush of food poisoning cases and the more serious ones were shifted to the K.R. Hospital. Of the 32 patients who were wheeled in, 10 were unconscious. They were immediately put on life support system while five other patients were shifted to JSS Hospital where ventilator support was available.

Doctors at the K.R. Hospital said all the symptoms point to poisoning as the patients were suffering from muscular pain, diarrhoea and vomiting. A majority of the patients were women and children. Locals accompanying the patients said that they were from Bidarahalli, Marthahalli, M.G. Doddi and Sulwadi villages and worked in local granite quarries.

The Health Department authorities in Mysuru said samples of the prasadam prepared by the temple authorities have been collected and would be sent to the laboratory for forensic analysis. Meanwhile, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who was in Chennai inquiring health condition of Siddaganga Swamiji of Tumakuru, ordered a detailed inquiry in to the incident and instructed the Deputy Commissioner to take necessary steps to provide proper treatment. Kumaraswamy also announced Rs.5 lakh compensation to the next kin of the dead.

Kumaraswamy said that treatment expenses of the hospitalised will be borne by the Government. Two people have already been taken into custody for questioning in this connection, he added. Doctors attending to the patients at K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital suspect that they may have eaten "food blended with poison used in pest control.".

Gopura controversy

Petty politics between two gangs over building a Gopura for Maramma Temple is said to be the reason for some persons poisoning the devotees. What was initially believed to have been a simple case of food poisoning, turned out to be shocking instance of sabotage. While one group wanted the Gopura, the other group opposed it.

Chamarajanagar Police arrested two villagers - Chennappa, a member of the local village gram Panchayat and Madesha - for allegedly poisoning the 'prasadam' prepared at the temple to be distributed among devotees.

Kollegal hospital couldn't cope up with rush

Many people who had developed uneasiness after eating prasadam were made to suffer for want of proper treatment at Kollegal Taluk Hospital. The Kollegal hospital lacked necessary infrastructure and the staff to cope up with a rush of patients, some of them in serious condition.

The victims were rushed to Sulwadi Healthcare Centre where they were administered first aid and referred to Kollegal Government Hospital. With five doctors on duty, the hospital was simply not equipped to handle the situation. More than 25 critically ill persons had to be shifted to KR Hospital in Mysuru.

Doctors attending to the patients at K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital suspect that they may have eaten "food blended with poison used in pest control".

"Preliminary examination of the patients, who were rushed to the hospital, gives an impression they had eaten food containing poison. We suspect it could be phosphorous used in pesticides. This needs to be confirmed by the forensic experts after analysing the food samples. The condition of some patients is critical and they are on ventilator support. We cannot say anything else at this stage," said K.R. Hospital Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Rajesh Kumar.

Health Department authorities in Mysuru confirmed that samples of the prasadam prepared by the temple have been collected and would be sent to the laboratory for forensic analysis.

Villagers who had consumed poisoned prasadam being rushed from Kollegal to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

Tusker dies trying to leap over forest Railway line fencing

Hanagodu, Dec. 15 (Mahesh& SR)- A forty-year-old healthy tusker died while trying to leap over a fence that was laid using old Railway tracks at Nagarahole Forest Division of Nagarahole National Park. The elephant was stuck in the iron railing and could neither move forward nor jump backward and died a painful death.

The incident occurred in the wee hours of today morning near Veeranahosalli Forest Department quarters in Hunsur taluk. To prevent elephants from entering human habitat, the Forest Department has laid Railway line fencing along the border of the Nagarahole National Park.

Near the Veeranahosalli Forest Department quarters, the forest staff had created a gate near the Railway fencing between the forest and their housing quarters to go for routine forest rounds. The tusker had developed a habit of straying out of the forest through this gate from the past few days.

The elephant used to enter the fields through this gate and destroy the standing crops. Following complaints from farmers about their crops, forest officials had closed and sealed this Railway fencing gate three days back.

Today morning, the tusker, habituated to enter through the gate leaped over it, only to be trapped. Nagarahole Forest Division veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb said that the elephant died due to heart attack while jumping over the fencing. He described this incident as unfortunate and the exact cause of the death could be determined after post-mortem.

Nagarahole Forest Division Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Vasanth Kumar, Veeranahosahalli Range Forest Officer (RFO) Ravindra, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Chandresh and other visited the spot.

A post-mortem was conducted near the spot and the carcass of the animal was consigned to flames in the presence of Forest Department officials.

Meanwhile, local farmers urged the government to prevent incidents of wild elephants straying out of forest by raising the height of the fencing.

They said though 90 per cent of incidents of animals straying out of forest have been reduced after the Railway line barriers were laid around hundreds of kilometres of Nagarahole Forest Range, still 10 per cent of jumbos were coming out of the forests after jumping over the fencing and were destroying crops in the fringes of forest. They demanded the authorities to increase the height of fencing.

Obituary

Raghavendra

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Raghavendra (66), a retired employee of the erstwhile Adult Education Council, passed away here on Thursday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

His last rites were performed at his native village Jayapura in the taluk yesterday.

Vishalakshmi

Nanjangud: Vishalakhshmi (68), a resident of R.P. Street, passed away on Dec. 13 at her residence. She leaves behind three sons including City Municipal Council Member Chandrashekar, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on Dec. 13 evening at the burial grounds near Hadinaaru Kaalu Mantapa on the banks of River Kapila.

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Shortage of prasadam saved many lives at Hanur temple

Two factions in Sulwadi village fought to take control over Maramma Temple

Mysuru, Dec.15- The tragedy at Maramma Temple at Sulwadi village in Hanur could have been worse but minimised as there was a shortage of prasadam.

Villagers said that there was a huge rush at the temple and due to this, prasadam that was already prepared fell short. After the initial rush for prasadam, devotees were turned away as the vessels were empty.

Soon after the prasadam was served, devotes started collapsing one after the other, complaining of stomach pain and dizziness. Some experienced breathlessness. Realising something was amiss, the devotees were told not to consume the prasadam as it was smelly. But some of the devotees had already consumed the prasadam.

One of the three cooks, who prepared prasadam was a local resident Puttaswamy. His 12-year-old daughter Nalini was among those who died after eating the poisoned prasadam. Puttaswamy said that he had tasted the food before it was served and observed that there was a strange smell in the *tomato bath*.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy visited K.R. Hospital in Mysuru yesterday where many devotees, who took ill after consuming poisoned prasadam, are admitted and enquired about their health. Ministers C.S. Puttaraju & S.R. Mahesh, former MLA M.K. Somashekar and others were also present.

Some devotees had raised doubts about the quality of food and informed the Temple Management Committee members about the foul smell. But they were told it was because of the masala items used.

A majority of the victims were women and children from Bidarahalli, Marthahalli, Vaddaradoddi, M.G. Doddi and Sulwadi villages.

They worked in local granite quarries as daily wagers. The temple is also frequented by devotees from neighbouring Tamil Nadu. The number of devotees was more yesterday as there was a 'guddali puja' to the Temple Gopura. The Maramma Temple is famous among the devotees and locals as they believed that their problems will vanish if they offer puja there. Located around 125km from Mysuru, pujas are conducted daily and special pujas are conducted on Fridays and Mondays.

Shantharaju, a resident of Bidarahalli village, had married Shivagami 12 years ago and as they did not have kids all these years, they had vowed to visit the Temple if they finally have one.

Yesterday he arrived at the temple with his two-month-old baby. As the infant was crying, his wife was not able to take the prasadam. Shantharaju ate it and within a few minutes, he collapsed in front of the temple and died.

According to locals, the land on which the temple is built is under dispute. The Temple Management is also divided over various proposed developmental activities. The village was divided over Temple Management as two factions were fighting to take control of the Temple.

According to locals, a unique feature of this Temple is that devotees are allowed to offer both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food to the deity.

Many devotees had come to Temple to view Gopura installation

Hanur, Dec.15- At least 11 people lost their lives and over 70 took ill after consuming 'prasadam' distributed during the 'Gopura' installation ceremony at Kichguth Maramma Temple at Sulwadi village in Ramapura hobli of Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar district yesterday.

Most of the devotees, who died or took ill, had come to the temple to view 'Gopura' installation by the Temple Trust.

The programme was inaugurated by M.M. Hills Salur Mutt Seer Sri Guruswamy in the presence of Martalli Gram Panchayat President Savitri Bai and other local politicians. The Temple Trust had prepared *Tomato Bath* and *Panchamrutha* as 'Prasadam' for distribution to devotees, who were about 150 in numbers.

After the performance of Mahamangalarathi, the prasadam was distributed to devotees at around 9.30 am. But after sometime, more than 80 devotees, who had consumed *Tomato Bath,* took ill, complaining of vomiting and diarrhoea and a burning sensation in eyes and stomach, following which they were rushed to Holy Cross Hospital at Kamagere and Ramapura Hospital. 12-year-old Anitha, daughter of one of the cooks, who prepared the prasadam, who collapsed right in front of the Temple after consuming prasadam, died en route to the Hospital, while a cowherd by name Annayyappa died at Holy Cross Hospital. As the number of ill devotees began to swell with every passing minute, Holy Cross Hospital authorities informed the matter to Chamarajanagar District authorities and the Police. Soon, the authorities began rushing 108 Ambulances to Sulwadi village, Hanur, Ramapura and Kamagere.

The District Health authorities summoned all available doctors to take care of the ill, who had come to various hospitals in Kollegal, Hanur and other places in the district. After first-aid treatment, the ill were shifted to hospitals at Mysuru and Chamarajanagar. Meanwhile, Health Officials of Chamarajanagar district have confirmed reports of 'Prasadam' being laced with poison.

Acknowledging that the 'prasadam' consumed by devotees was poisoned, the Health Officials said that 'prasadam' samples have been sent to Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and contents can be known only after FSL report is out.

Reacting to the death of devotees, Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda said that the high death toll indicates the gravity of the situation.

Stating that innocent devotees of Kichguth Temple had lost their lives and over 70 had taken ill, he said that stringent action must be taken against the culprits if it is found that the prasadam was intentionally poisoned.

MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, expressing shock over the incident, said that the guilty must be severely punished. Stating that he had prayed to the Almighty seeking God's blessings for saving the lives of those who are undergoing treatment at different hospitals, he urged the Government to appropriately compensate the family members of the deceased devotees.

More than 60 birds and animals too found dead

Not only the devotees, but also over 60 birds and animals, which consumed *tomato bath* prasadam waste at Sulwadi, were found dead in the surroundings of the Temple, thus lending more credence to speculations that the prasadam had been poisoned.

These birds and animals, most of them street dogs, has consumed the 'prasadam' after a few devotees had thrown at sensing pesticide or kerosene smell. All the birds and animals, which consumed the prasadam, died a traumatic death some time later. While some birds, most of them crows, fell dead close to the temple, some of them were found dead under nearby trees, and a few others in bushes, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, veterinary authorities inspected the carcass of the birds and animals this morning and took viscera samples of some of the dead animals and birds. These samples will be sent to Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals in Bengaluru for testing and the reason for the deaths will be known after the institute sends laboratory report, according to sources.

Celebrating Congress victory in three States in North

The Congress workers of city are seen celebrating the victory of Congress party in the recently held Assembly election in Rajasthan, Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh at St. Philomenas Church Circle. Seen in the picture are former MLA Vasu, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, former Corporator and member of Karnataka Haj Committee Suhail Baig and others.

Arthroplasty Summit tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec.15- Columbia Asia Hospital, in association with Mysore Orthopaedic Association, will be conducting a day-long Arthroplasty Summit at Columbia Asia tomorrow (Dec.16).

In this summit, two live surgeries will be performed between 8.30 am and 9.30 am by Dr. B.R. Prashanth, Orthopaedic & Joint Replacement Surgeon at Columbia Asia Hospital and Prof. K.S. Manjunath, highlighting the challenges faced during difficult primary knee replacements, the protocols to be adhered to and the postoperative management of these cases in greater detail for a successful outcome.

More than 100 orthopedicians are expected to take part in the Summit. The event will be inaugurated by Dr. Manjunath, Dean of Bengaluru Medical College Research and Institute at 9.30 am on Dec.16. The programme will go on till 4 pm.

Experts at the Summit includes prominent names such as Prof. K.S. Manjunath, Head of Orthopaedic Surgery, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Dr. HPC Khincha, Senior Joint Replacement Surgeon, Sagar Hospital, Dr. Shankar Kurpad & Dr Veera Reddy from Columbia Asia Hospitals, Bengaluru, along with local faculty from Mysuru.

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Vikram Muthanna

On April 26th 2018, the Congress party sent their old horse to Madhya Pradesh (MP) to win. Not just win but destroy the 15-year reign of BJP in that State. That old Congress horse was Kamal Nath. Rahul Gandhi, speaking of Kamal Nath said, "He is not Kamal Nath but Kamal *Naash*," literally meaning Lotus destroyer, an obvious reference to decimating the BJP's hold on India's central State.

Yes, the Congress won, but it did not destroy the Lotus as Rahul had hoped. It was more like the Lotus wilted, thanks partly to anti-incumbency. But the credit must go to Kamal Nath's tactics, from starting a campaign called "*Chalis din, Chalis sawal*" – 40 days, 40 questions. He hurled one question after another for 40 days at the BJP and at the end of 40 days, the lotus party had not answered even a single question! People noticed this and on Election Day, they gave their '*mann ki baat*'.

Also, Kamal Nath even pulled a BJP strategy. He projected Congress as being a "Hindu" party; after all, he built a 101.8-foot Lord Hanuman statue near Chhindwara, his own constituency. He then famously wrote an open letter to Lord Shiva, seeking his blessings for the people to end the BJP's 'misrule' in the State. He even promised to build cow shelters in the State's 23,026 Gram Panchayats!

Now, Kamal Nath has been declared CM. But how did Kamal Nath, who is known more for his activities in Delhi rather than MP, end up being the CM of the State? How did a man, born in Uttar Pradesh, who is from a wealthy upper caste business family based in West Bengal end up being CM of MP, a State with significant SC/ST vote bank? Or did Kamal Nath just time it well?

Because BJP had ruled Madhya Pradesh for 15 years and just in December last year Kamal Nath had said in an interview, "In elections, there is a shelf life syndrome and people are increasingly going to try out new parties. People are always looking for a change." So did he know that his time had come to sneak in and swoop on the CM chair?

Apart from his knack to sniff opportunities like in 1987 when he got close to Rajiv Gandhi when V.P. Singh threatened Rajiv's position, apart from his "doer" tag, apart from the fact that he has been an efficient representative for India in global trade negotiations, apart from his ability to raise funds for the party, he also has another important trait — he is a loyalist of the first family of Congress Party.

Jyotiraditya Scindia with Kamal Nath

Sachin Pilot with Ashok Gehlot

Kamal Nath entered politics through his friend and classmate, Sanjay Gandhi, uncle of his present party President Rahul. He stood by the country and free speech during Emergency, oh! Sorry... he stood by the Gandhi family during Emergency, as he himself said, "From the years 1977 to 1980, it was thought that Indira Gandhi would never return to power. We used to go to jail. When Indira Gandhi went to jail, Kamal Nath also went to jail. When Sanjay Gandhi went to jail, so did I," And when you are loyal to the Gandhi family, there is always a reward.

And post-Emergency when it was time for elections, Kamal Nath, a man from Uttar Pradesh, and a friend of Sanjay Gandhi, was given the ticket to fight from Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, despite opposition from the then local Congress (I) leaders. Indira Gandhi herself went to file his nomination and famously declared that Kamal Nath was her third son. He has never looked back after that.

The same goes for the new CM of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot. He has undoubtedly been a Gandhi family and party loyalist. When Kamal Nath won in 1980, in the neighbouring Rajasthan a young Youth Congress (I) leader Ashok Gehlot too won. In Punjab a 34-year-old Captain Amarinder Singh also won.

In fact, there were so many Sanjay Gandhi's young friends in the Seventh Lok Sabha that the Opposition called them "*Sanjay ke chokre*" (Sanjay Gandhi's boys). It was also called the most youthful Lok Sabha. Today, the batch of 1980 has reaped the benefit of loyalty. And herein lies the magic of the Gandhi family — a reward after a long loyalty test.

If credit has to be given to Rahul Gandhi it has to be for managing to bring the old horses and the young stallions of his party to work together. And the Congress party has shown its young party leaders that if you are loyal to the party and not a threat to the Gandhi family, you will be rewarded like Ashok Gehlot, Kamal Nath and captain Amarinder Singh. And if you don't, then you will be sidelined like Pranab Mukherjee no matter how competent you may be.

Also, Rahul Gandhi has not shunned his senior party leaders to an old age home called "*Margadarshak Mandal*". Instead, he continues to use their experience, their connections and wisdom, while giving freedom to young and ambitious politicians like Sachin Pilot and Jyotiraditya Scindia to be the generals on the ground. While also letting them know that if they want to remain politically relevant and rewarded, they should not be a threat to him.

When Kamal Nath was elected in 1980 there was a slogan doing the rounds, "*Indira Gandhi ke do haath, Sanjay Gandhi aur Kamal Nath*". Well, if you lend your 'haath' to the Gandhi family and the Congress party, they will make sure of your political *vikas*.

This move by Rahul Gandhi to make the senior leaders the CMs and the young leaders deputy CMs, will make the Congress youthful and wise. This will make them stronger and if not in 2019, they will surely reap rewards in 2024 as BJP continues to wallow in midlife crisis as the party is filling up with middle-aged leaders and seniors being relegated to insignificance.

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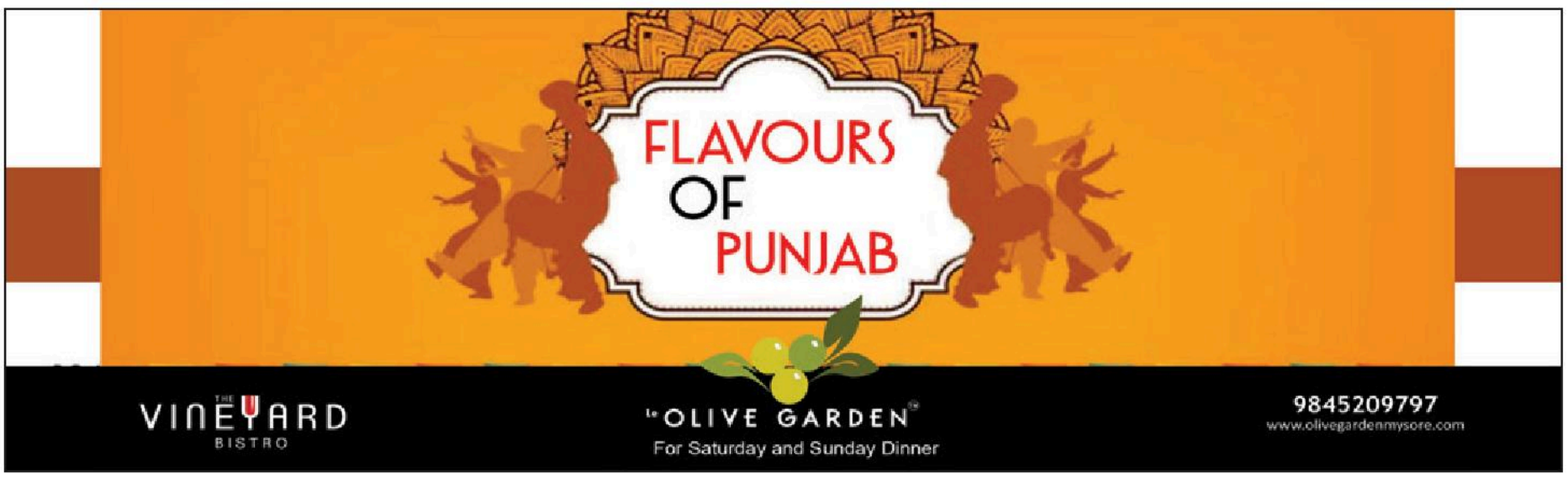

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Vanishing people, livelihood

India is home to millions of nomads who belong to hundreds of distinctive groups. Unfortunately, most nomadic communities are witnessing a breakdown in traditional modes of living. Mysuru's Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya is presently organising a year-long exhibition on 'Nomads of India' at Wellington House, Irwin Road. To coincide with the exhibition, in this *Weekend Star Supplement*, we publish an article on India's vanishing nomads — caught between tradition and modernity.

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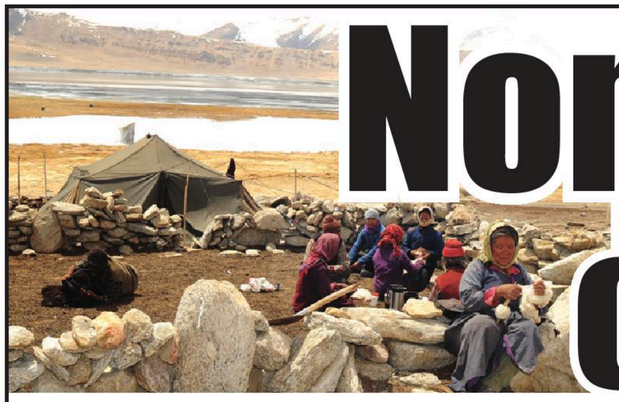
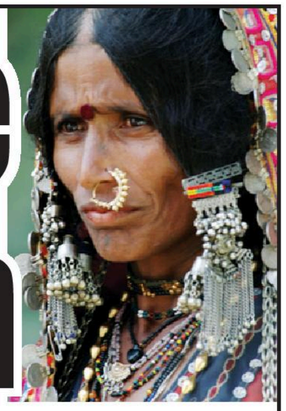


Nomads on the Face of Fading Tradition



By P.K. Misra

One of the qualities human beings developed in the course of their evolution is to move out of their habitats for a variety of reasons such as economic compulsions and ecological factors. But what is not highlighted is the human spirit expressed in their intense sense of curiosity to explore and their indulgence in adventure and discovery.

This spirit enabled human beings to colonise almost all corners of this planet despite numerous challenges. And now the same spirit is taking human beings to establish space stations. Here I intend to talk about those who habitually move from one place to another at regular intervals focused around certain centres of operations. They are Nomads.

A life of fascination

Nomadic way of life is fascinating on its own right but it certainly puts forward an alternative vision of life. Their life from standards of settled people may look tough and rugged but wait just before you pass judgment. The intricate and beautiful designs they make on daily use items speak volumes about their patience and creative abilities - in short, the celebration of life.

Nomads could be of various types such as food gatherers and hunters called foragers (it may surprise many people to learn that a few decades ago, just 45 miles away from Mysore there were classical food gatherers like the Jenu Kuruba), pastoralist (those who carry food on hoofs) who move to find suitable grazing grounds for their cattle and those who supply goods and services to the settled populations.

Latter people have been called by different names such as non-pastoral nomads, service nomads, and now more acceptable term for them is peripatetics. Unlike other nomads, they exploit the human niche. Peripatetics have been an essential part of Indian social organisation.

Fulfilling demand and supply needs

The traditional India was so constituted that villages were inhabited by peasants and numerous other communities specialising in a variety of occupations. What was not available in the villages was obtained from weekly markets, regional and mega fairs and also from pilgrimage. Whatever gap still remained in the supply of goods and services was provided by the other nomad foragers as well as peripatetics.

Pre-historical, historical and classical literature have indicated the countless generation of rural, urban and pastoral populations have experienced brief but usually recurrent contact with spatially mobile people indulging in a variety of occupations. These people relied on their flexibility and resourcefulness. They complimented the supply chain of rural areas.

Pervasive and persistent presence

Judicious combinations of specialised goods and services and skills, spatially mobile people of smiths, basket and toy makers, jewellery peddlers, recorder of genealogies and a variety of entertainers such as bards, bahrupia, jugglers, acrobats, singers and dancers etc., have been pervasive and persistent thread throughout the complex and immensely diverse fabric of India's social system.

They are found all over more particularly in Asian countries. They have been mentioned in ancient Indian literature as people who travelled through towns and villages and served the common people. Though they have persisted throughout the history there is very little knowledge about them. The lack of knowledge and a certain 'suspicion' about mobile people led the dominant sedentary people to frame laws against their moving, camping and so on.

Multi–resource economic activities

During the colonial period many of them were declared as criminal tribe which was indeed a great injustice. In spite of such pressures, peripatetics have persisted through time in the different parts of the sub-continent.

Obviously the question arises as to what makes them tick. They have several qualities such as they spot the gaps in the supply of goods and services, their multi–resource economic activities compliment rather than compete with established system. Travelling is a condition of their livelihood, but its duration, frequency and mode has a lot of variety. They are generally multilingual.

The movement of the peripatetics is well directed. The remarkable thing about them is that in spite of the fact that they remain dispersed for good part of the year they retain their group identity. They have a home base to which they periodically return where they settle outstanding disputes among themselves.

Strong caste roots

Their caste council remains very strong the most interesting aspect of peripatetics in India is that some of them exclusively serve only certain castes which conclusively suggest that they are enmeshed in the socio-cultural profile and provide an important clue to understand India's social structure. Studies conducted in 60s and 70s showed that villages were visited by scores of travelling specialists. In 1967 when I took a quick survey of certain parts of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, I met 40 different groups at different places in about fortnight's time. These people camped beneath a tree, under a cloth tent, temporary huts or under the sky.

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[Pics. courtesy: IGRMS- Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalya]

Nomads in Mysore

Nomads in Mysore city may sound so strange but in 1969-70 when we conducted a study on them we came across 19 different groups in a short span of time. At that time there were five different places where they usually camped at open spaces near Paduvarahalli, open space close to Mysore Railway Station, Jeevarayana Katte Ground, Kyathamaranahalli and open space near Mysore Railway Workshop.

The occupational roles these peripatetics performed enabled them to earn their livelihood but there is much more than that which cannot fully be understood without taking into account their cultural ethos. In this regard the role performed by Budbudki or the Sudugadu Siddha is illustrative and I quote from our book 'Nomads in Mysore City' (1971).

SUDUGADU SIDDHA

A Sudugadu Siddha wears orange colour full-sleeved shirt and a dhoti also of the same colour. He receives one set of this dress free from the Jengudu Siddappaji Mutt in Arsikere taluk, during Shivarathri festival. The mutt prescribes to these followers of Siddappaji that they should wear this dress whenever they perform Jatra.

The mutt also gives each of them a short peacock feather bunch, a brass bell, a thin long bamboo staff and an umbrella to be carried along. Besides these a Sudugadu Siddha wears a lingam and several strands of Rudrakshi around his neck and a turban of a saffron cloth.

He smears ash over his face, keeps vermilion mark in the middle of his forehead and ties his matted hairs into a knot at the top of his head. The way a Sudugadu Siddha dresses himself and the pains he takes to remain standing on the nails for hours together cannot be explained just in economic terms.

In this attire he stands at a centrally located place on iron spikes fitted to wooden slippers. He stands still like a statue. His attire and posture are an attempt to imitate an ascetic engaged in tapasya. People offer money to him at his feet.

TRAVEL SPECIALISTS

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They transported their baggage on the back of horses, donkeys, bullocks, or used bullock carts, trains buses or simply as head-loads. They indulged in a variety of occupations. They recited mythological stories, displayed sacred bulls and performed Ram Sita marriages (in local dialect, idiom and puns) and a variety of such activities which made appeal to the rural folks.

I came to know about 88 different peripatetic groups visiting their villages. In another study that we conducted in 1972 at the weekly market at Tarikere, we came across 200 different groups visiting the weekly market. But our information about them has been very scanty.

The stories of a Budbudki, Sudugadu Siddha, display of sacred bull or acrobats or displayer of leather puppets found a few decades ago in Mysore city may look anchoritic but imagine most of the city localities were known by the occupational specialist who lived there (See Gouri Satya's article on Mohallas and Agraharas and Keris ***(Star of Mysore, December 3).*** It says everything what has been happening to this city.

Conflict between tradition and modernity has always been there but whatever is happening now seems to be qualitatively different. It is becoming more atomised and less integrated, and certainly harsh who nurture an alternate vision of life. Certainly there is very little room left for nomads — foragers, pastoralists or peripatetics and much less appreciation of what they did.

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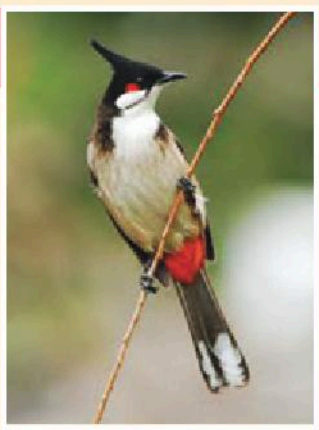
A STORY OF BULBUL & CAMEL: Howsoever fascinating, integrated and diverse may have been the life of nomadic populations, changes were bound to come. The following stories illustrate the same.



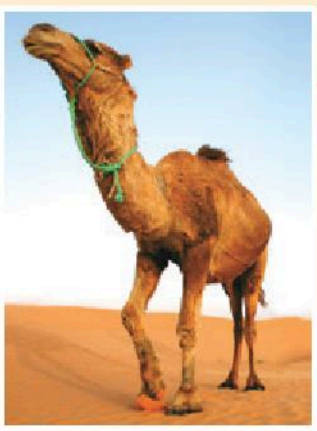
BULBUL STORY

A group of nomads was being repeatedly asked to settle down by welfare agents. In that context, they related the following story. A Raja went to hunt in a forest. He lost his way and had to spend his night under a tree where Bulbuls nestled. The birds fought a lot in the night before they settled down which is their normal practice.

In the morning the bulbul were paragon of peace and sang beautifully. The Raja was so enchanted by the music that he forgot all his fatigue and when finally he returned to his palace he told his courtiers that he wanted that bulbul.

Finally that bulbul was brought. A golden cage was made for it and best possible food was offered. But the bulbul neither sang nor even looked at the food. Finally, the Raja ordered the bulbul to be returned to the forest where it began to sing again.

CAMEL STORY



This story is the opposite. Two anthropologists from America decided to do the entire desert of South Arabia on camel back in order to experience the nomadic way of life of camel herders. They called on the authorities of South Arabia and expressed their desire. They were told that it was a crazy idea and discouraged them suggesting that they would help them to do the desert in the best of automobiles.

The anthropologists were not impressed by what the Sheiks told them and remained adamant. They were asked to wait while two camels were arranged. In the meanwhile in order to get acclimatised with desert conditions, the duo decided to camp in the desert waiting for their camels. One fine morning the two camels loaded in a Ford truck were delivered to them!

Brahmin Convention begins

Pejawar Seer Sri Visvesha Theertha Swamiji inaugurating Brahmin Convention at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama in city this morning as Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, Sri Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji and Kukke Subramanya Mutt Seer Sri Vidyaprasanna Theertha Swamiji, MLA S.A. Ramdas and others look on. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Dec.15 (US&RKB)- A two-day District level Brahmin Convention organised by District Brahmana Sangha commenced this morning at Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Nanjangud Road here.

Over 500 Brahmins of the district are participating in the Convention to display the unity and strength of the community and to urge the Government to constitute Brahmin Development Authority and inclusion of Brahmins under minorities category.

Pejawar Seer Sri Visvesha Theertha Swamiji, Parakala Mutt Seer Sri Swatantra Abhinava Vageesha Swamiji, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Seer Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, junior pontiff Sri Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji and Kukke Subramanya Mutt Seer Sri Vidyaprasanna Theertha Swamiji graced the occasion and jointly inaugurated the Convention.

An exhibition and sale of Puja Mantapas, Sanskrit learning aids, food products and other items was also organised in about 50 stalls. About 30 achievers in various fields were felicitated on the occasion.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji released a commemorative volume.

Speaking on the occasion, Pejawar Seer opined that Brahmins have to come together and show their strength with responsibility. He said that the community had dropped to a small group in number and deserves to be classified under minority. He advised the Brahmins to protect the moral and spiritual values of life. He urged the government to reserve 50% of the jobs for taluk. A 'Vidwat Goshti' was held featuring senior scholars.

Pratibha Karanji and Kalotsava

Mysuru, Dec.15 (RK&DM)- The 17th edition of State-level Pratibha Karanji and Kalotsava event began at Muktagangotri premises, KSOU campus, Manasagangothri here this morning.

The three-day event, jointly organised by the district administration and the Department of public Instruction, is open to students of eighth to twelfth standards.

Mysuru ZP President Nayeema Sultana inaugurated the event by lighting a lamp.

Presiding over the event, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra said that yesterday's incident at a Chamarajanagar temple, in which over 11 devotees lost their lives after consuming 'Prasadam' had cast a shadow on this important event in which over 1,700 students from across the state are participating.

Pointing out that the students here had won at the district level competition, he wished the participants all the best in their attempt to reach the national level.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar in his address, said that participation in any event comes first than winning a prize.

Underlining the need for promoting interest talent among the students at an young age, he observed that such events provide a perfect platform for the students to exhibit their skills, techniques and talents. He called upon all the participants to give out their best for achieving success.

A one-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to those who died in yesterday's temple food incident at Hanur in Chamarajanagar district.

ZP Vice-President Nataraj, members Mangala Somashekar, Madegowda and Chandrika Suresh, Education officer Johara Zameen, DDPI Mamatha, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, RBI General Manager Narayana Rao, RBI officers Murali and Pradeep Kumar and others were present.

11 students from Government Schools across the state who top scored in SSLC (2017-2018) were distributed Laptops on the occasion.

The three-day event, which concludes on Dec. 17, features various competitions including elocution, fancy dress, extempore, mimicry, debate, drama, rangoli, dance, music, ghazal, etc.

A total of 1,734 students from 33 educational districts of the state are taking part in the event and 136 teachers are accompanying the students.

Barring, drama contests, which will take place at Rotary West School in Saraswathipuram, all other pratibha karanji kalotsava events will be held in Muktaganotri, KSOU campus.

A total of 25 judges will officiate the events, with support from 100 volunteers, who are B.Ed teacher trainees drawn from different parts of the State.

A Science Expo and other informative expos will be part of the event. The participants are housed at different schools across the city. The district administration has made transportation arrangements for ferrying the participants from their place of stay to the venue. The district administration has also launched an exclusive website — *www.pratibhakaranji.co.in* — for detailed information about the event.

Temple Tragedy

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Those in the Casualty Emergency Ward have been shifted to other wards and the ward was exclusively reserved for the temple patients. Mysuru District Administration arranged Artificial Life Support (ALS) ambulances to extend immediate medical care to victims and to shift them to hospitals for better medical care.

All the floors of the K.R. Hospital and the five floors of the earlier Jayadeva Hospital were full of patients and their relatives. Hospital doctors, paramedics, doctors and their assistants from private hospitals are working round-the-clock to treat the patients and also handle fresh patients who are being shifted to K.R. Hospital. Due to the large inflow of patients from Kollegal, the regular patients at the K.R. Hospital had to face inconvenience. Severe shortage of doctors and nursing staff has compounded the problem.

A steady stream of political leaders visited the K.R. Hospital this morning. They included Mandya District Minister C.S. Puttaraju who is stay put at the K.R. Hospital, former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao, Chamarajanagar District Minister Puttaranga Shetty, Minister Zameer Ahmed, Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan, MLC R. Dharmasena, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra, Niranjan and R. Narendra. Former MLAs Vasu and M.K. Somashekar also visited the hospitals.

Minister C.S. Puttaraju controlling the crowd at K.R. Hospital this morning where victims of Temple Tragedy are admitted.

'Tomato bath was for members of Temple administration'

Mysuru, Dec. 15- IGP (Southern Range) K.V. Sharath Chandra has confirmed that two people, Gowdruchinnatti, a member of the temple's administration, and manager Madesh have been taken into custody for questioning.

Gowdruchinnatti's son Lokesh said that the *tomato bath* was not meant to be served as prasadam but was meant for the members of temple administration. "Initially, we had got a smaller quantity of *tomato bath*. We had prepared it for it to be consumed after the puja since we were not supposed to eat anything before that. When the devotees came and told us that they were feeling hungry, we gave them a little bit. We decided to give the *tomato bath* to those who came. It was not meant as prasadam," Lokesh claimed.

Investigators say that the temple trustees and the members of the village were not on good terms due to a dispute about the ownership of the village. Upon questioning Lokesh, the long-standing dispute, Police say, could have been the reason why the food was poisoned.

"Initially, the temple was being managed by people from Tamil Nadu. There was no Gopura or even a proper structure above the sanctum sanctorum. It was when my father took over the day to day management that the temple was renovated. This was many years ago. The problem is that the people of the village consider this temple as theirs. We decided to fight for the temple," he said.

"In an incident which had occurred a few months ago, the people in the village had beaten up one of the trustees from TN. There were also many differences between the trustees and my father. The *tomato bath* was meant for my family members and we only shared it with people who asked us. At one point, people assumed it was prasadam and queued up for it. We were just giving them the food," Lokesh claimed.

Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head,
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Illustrious Saint Kanakadasa

Karnataka is known for Saints who preached devotion irrespective of caste and community. They preached devotion towards Hari or Narayana in Kannada language so that it could be understood even by an illiterate person provided he had devotion. Saint Kanakadasa is one among those saints. Kanakadasa and Purandaradasa were contemporaries and the influence of the latter can easily be seen in the teachings of the former. He lived during 1509 to 1607 AD.

Kanakadasa belonged to a tribe near Kaginele — a non-Brahmin tribe. Kaginele people followed Ramanuja philosophy as Kanakadasa, in his work *Mohanatarangini,* praises Ramanujacharya and Thathacharya.

In most of the poems, Kanakadasa has praised God Beeradeva. Hence many people feel that he was a Kuruba or shepherd by birth. Though he was a chief of the Bedas, he was defeated in a battle and practically lost everything. At that time wisdom dawned upon him and he gave up everything to become a Saint.

He wrote *Mohanatarangini, Haribahaktisara, Nalacharitre, Ramadhanya Charitra* and *Nrisimhastava.* His pen-name was Kagineleya Adhikeshava. Because of these seminal works he has a unique place among the poets of Haridasa group.

He was always against caste system and believed that this system has spoiled the socio-religious life of the community. This is reflected in the famous poem which starts with the words do not quarrel over the caste system *(Kulakulavenduhodedadadiri...).* Caste is a major cause for all ills of our society and this has hampered our socio-economic and religious life. Though Kanakadasa preached this about 500 years ago, we are yet to come closer to this great ideal.

In *Tallanisadiru Kandya Talu Manave,* he preaches that one should have patience and also faith in devotion. It means 'Oh, mind do not worry because God is there to protect everybody.' This shows that Kanakadasa was a great optimist.

We find in all his poems devotion to almighty, philosophy of life and practice of social practices. This can easily be

compared to Vachana literature of Basavanna and others. Thus the whole thrust is reformation of the society. These poems are known by the name *Mundiges.* It is difficult to understand the literal meaning of the word.

Kanakadasa wrote many poems which are great contributions to Kannada literature. In the work *Mohanatarangini* which has 48 chapters *(Sandhi),* Kanakadasa describes the killing of Shambavasura and Banasura, the two demons who were tormenting God-fearing devotees.

Kanakadasa considers the killing of two demons in one poem. In the same poem, Pradyumna has a great role while in the latter portion Lord Sri Krishna becomes more important. In another poem the love between Usha and Aniruddha appeals to most of the people.

Kanakadasa portrays in this poem his knowledge of warfare. This is symbolic of the war between the demon and the Almighty. Thus in this work the devotion to Hari (Haribhakti) is portrayed in an unusual manner. In most of these descriptions, the present day society is reflected. In his own words these show the mould of *Harisharanas* (devotees of Hari), *Budhajanarigepecchu,* which means intelligent people will become dull before these poems.

In the work *Haribahaktisara,* one can find a full blossom of devotion to Hari. In this work, each poem contains the word *nammananavarata* which means let Hari protect all of us forever. It contains 110 simple poems.

The other work *Nalacharitre* gives solace to both the youngsters as well as the old people. In nine chapters the story of Nala is told in a subtle manner and the supremacy of truth is established. One should not abandon truth at any cost because the entire world stands on truth.

This reminds us of Gandhiji's experiment with truth. Even *Bhagavadgita* harps on this point. Kanakadasa laments on the difficulties Nala Maharaja had to face and this is due to the act of Kalipurusha. Anybody who reads about the difficulties which Nala had to face will definitely feel sorry for the plight of Nala. In addition to this his wife Damayanthi also had to experience difficulties at its worst. Thus by these qualities such as easy style, good contents, and apt descriptions these poems have become popular.

Another work *Ramadhanya Charite* though short in size, its contents are noble. It is an argument between rice (raw) and ragi. To test them Sri Rama sends them to prison. After Sri Rama returned from Ayodhya, he calls both of them to appear before him. When it was examined, rice was spoiled but ragi was quite good. Hence Sri Rama, however, honours ragi by giving the title *Raghavadhanya* (Raghava is the name of Sri Rama). This symbolically confirms that ragi is the staple food of the common man while *akki* (rice) is generally used by rich people. Thus Kanakadasa takes the side of poor people as he was the champion of the poor and down-trodden. Perhaps this work, *Ramadhanya Charite* had its roots in folklore.

Narasimhastava is another work by Kanakadasa. It was written in *Sangatya* metre in Kannada. This is a unique metre in Kannada. Works of this metre are rare. Unfortunately, this work is not available. *Thirukanakanasu* is another poem attributed to Kanakadasa. But there is no certainty in this because it has been ascribed to another poet Muppina Shadakshari. *Thirukanakanasu* is a popular poem and its contents shows how a *Thiruka* (poor person) reacts in a peculiar way as if he had received lot of money and properties.

Kanakadasa has been greatly influenced by our epics like *Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavadgita* and other Kannada works. The expressions of devotion, knowledge, abandonment of worldly pleasures have made him a great devotee of Hari. He occupies a unique place among the devotees of Hari. Let us follow his ideals.

Month-long Thiruppavai discourse by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar from Dec.16

Mysuru, Dec.15 - As part of Dhanurmasa Puja, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, has organised a month-long discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar from Dec.16 to Jan.13 daily evening from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm in the Trust premises.

Profile: Born in 1972 as the illustrious son of Vidwan Sri Lakshmi Thathachar, Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar has passed exams 'Prachina Nyaya' in 1st Class, 'Navya Nyaya' in 1st Class with distinction, M.A. in Sanskrit (2nd Rank) and has obtained his Ph.D from Rashtreeya Vidyapeetha, Tirupathi.

Dr. Alwar has been serving as Assistant Professor and Professor in-charge of Nyaya Shastra at Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysuru.

A Research Scholar at Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi and Rashtreeya Vidyapeetha, Tirupathi, Project Director, Transdisciplinary University Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health, Bengaluru, Dr. Alwar is approved Guide for M.Phil and Ph.D of the Karnatak Sanskrit University.

He has authored five books and edited and published more than 25 books on various topics pertaining to the collection of information on medicine for Transdisciplinary University Foundation.

He is also into online teaching of 'Sri Bhashya' to foreign students. He is credited with giving *Thiruppavai Pravachanam* since 1998 at several institutions in Mysuru and other places.

Articulate Dance Festival on Sunday

Articulate Festival, coordinated by Mysore B. Nagaraj, Managing Trustee, Articulate Trust for Arts, is conducted on 3rd Sunday of every month, in city. Accomplished Indian classical dancers both from India and abroad take part in this festival.

On Sunday, 16th December, in its 31st series, artistes are scheduled to perform in Kathak and Bharatanatyam from 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar.

Profile

Karuna Ketan Bhakta from West Bengal, disciple of Rahul Dev Mondal, has a Master's degree in Bharatanatyam from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. He shall be presenting a solo performance in Bharatanatyam.

Viji Rao, USA, has over a decade of experience as a Bharatanatyam dance artiste, choreographer and teacher. Rao began her training under her father-Guru Shiva Rao. She furthered with artistes like Shridhar, Prof. C.V. Chandrasekhar and Bragha Bessell. She will be presenting a solo performance in Bharatanatyam.

Richa Gupta from New Delhi, disciple of Guru-Bhai Manoj Gangani, obtained Bachelor of Arts and Prabhakar in Kathak dance from Prayag Sangeet Samiti Allahabad. She will be presenting a solo Kathak.

Priyanjali Rao currently furthers her dance at Nrityaranjani Academy of Dance, Kandivali, Mumbai, learning Pandannalore style of Bharatanatyam under Guru Revathi Srinivas Raghavan after learning Kalakshetra style of dance under Guru Ranjani Ganesan. She will give a solo performance in Bharatanatyam.

Entry is free. For details contact Mysore B. Nagaraj on Mob: 9341288391.

ACCE(I)-Ultratech Awards Nite

Mysuru, Dec.15- Association of Consulting Engineers (India), Mysore Centre and UltraTech Cement Ltd., have jointly organised the annual 'Awards Nite' on Dec.18 at The Windflower Resorts at 6.30 pm.

Nominations were received from five districts of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Coorg and Chamarajanagar for various categories.

These have been scrutinised and the best ones identified by Jury comprising of a Structural Consultant, a Concrete Technologist, an Expert on Materials, an Architect and a Builder.

Awards will be given away to the owners, architects, structural consultants and contractors of each of the winning structures on Dec.18.

These awards are given annually so as to encourage all connected with any project for innovative ideas, good practices in construction.

Mandya Ramesh, renowned film and theatre personality, will be the chief guest.

Er. S. Ratnavel, President of ACCE (I), will preside. Er. T. Vishnuvijay Mayya, Vice-President, South ACCE (I), Er. K.R. Garudadhwajan, Secretary, ACCE(I) and Er. C.H. Prakash, Treasurer, ACCE(I), will be guests of honour.

3rd Philo Model United Nations Meet on Dec.17

Mysuru, Dec.15- Nature Club of St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysuru, is hosting the Third Philo Model United Nations Conference on Dec.17.

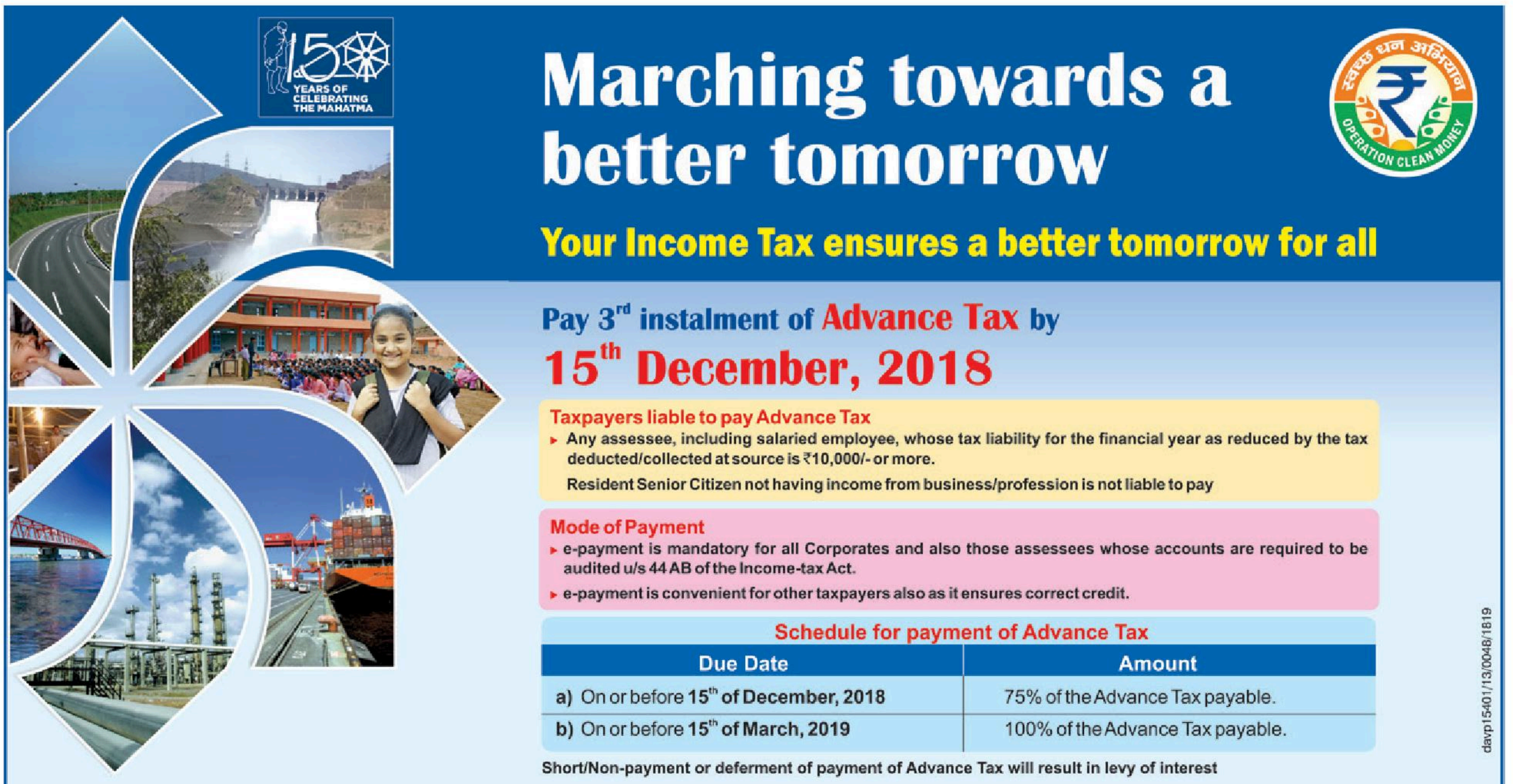
The Model United Nations is an academic simulation of the United Nations, where students will deliberate on issues of international importance. The Third Philo Model United Nations will be simulating the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) and debating on the agenda "Tackling Climate Pollutants and Strengthening Laws and Standards.' At the end of the of Meet, students will pass a resolution on the set agenda.

The Conference will be inaugurated at 9.30 am in the College auditorium by Dr. Yellappa Reddy, a renowned Environmental Activist and presided by Suryanarayan Ramanathan, CA by Profession and former faculty of International Relations at St.Philomena's College. Principal Dr. T. Ruth Shantha Kumari and Rector Manger Rev. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis will also be present.

Azeez Sait Memorial Quiz Contest on Dec.22

Mysuru, Dec.15- The 17th Azeez Sait Memorial Quiz Competition for Muslim students of High Schools and PU Colleges of Mysuru city will be conducted on Dec.22 at 12 noon at Farooqia PU College in Tilak Nagar.

There will be no entry fee. Number of participants is restricted to 10 from each Class from any institution. Interested may register names before Dec.20 at the office of Hon. Secretary, Farooqia PU College, Tilak Nagar, between 9 am & 1 pm. Participants should carry their ID card.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PGTI's CG Open Golf Tournament

Sri Lankan Thangaraja races into the lead

Mysuru lad Yashas in third place

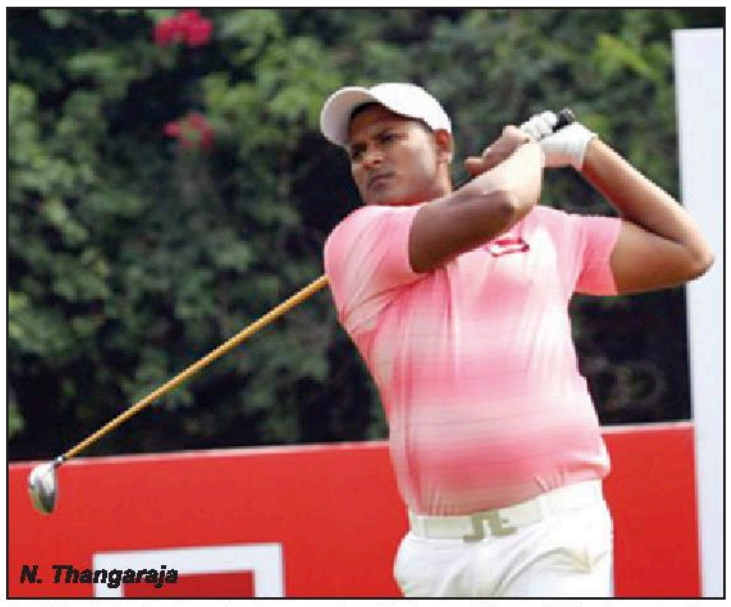
Mumbai, Dec.15- Sri Lankan N. Thangaraja raced into the third round lead at the PGTI's CG Open Golf Tournament 2018 after posting a four-under-66 at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club (BPGC) on Friday.

Thangaraja, lying overnight, tied fourth and four off the lead, threw his hat in the ring at the season's penultimate event as his 54-hole total read 10-under-200.

Mysuru-based rookie Yashas Chandra submitted a card of 68 to rise into contention as he climbed from overnight tied fourth to third place at eight-under-202.

Delhi's Rashid Khan, the halfway leader by three shots, slipped to second place after firing a one-over-71 which moved his total to nine-under-201 at the Rs.1 crore event.

N. Thangaraja (66-68-66), a winner on the PGTI this season, raised hopes of a fourth career title with his superb 66 on day three. Thangaraja didn't have the ideal start when he bogeyed the first hole but he fought back with a couple of accurate tee shots on the sixth and 10th, both par-3s, where he left himself five feet birdie conversions that negated the slow start.



N. Thangaraja

Rashid Khan (68-62-71), a two-time PGTI Order of Merit champion, looked set to extend his lead on day three when he birdied three of the first five holes. After stuttering in the middle of the back-nine, Khan recovered just in time with two birdies on the last three holes to sign for a hard-fought 71 that kept him in the game.

Yashas Chandra

Yashas Chandra, playing only his eighth event as a professional, was impressive for the third straight day as he followed up his opening 66 with consecutive rounds of 68. He mixed three birdies with a bogey on Friday to get in a position that could see him improve upon his previous best of fifth place which he achieved at Chandigarh last month. Lucknow's Sanjeev Kumar (70) was in fourth place at seven-under-203.

Delhi's Shamim Khan (66), Chandigarh's Abhijit Singh Chadha (69) and Gurugram-based Digvijay Singh (70) were all in tied fifth at six-under-204. Chiragh Kumar's bogey-free 64 was the day's best score. It placed the Delhi golfer in tied eighth at five-under-205.

State Veteran's TT Tourney

City's Krishnamurthy triumphs

Mysuru, Dec.15- Mysuru's veteran Table Tennis player K.V. Krishnamurthy, taking part in the 9th Veterans State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament conducted by Hebbal Table Tennis Academy recently, won the Men's 75 plus Singles title. In the final, K.V. Krishnamurthy beat Mysuru's Dr. Sainath Iyer 11-7, 11-6, 11-6 to clinch the title.

K.V. Krishnamurthy

RESULTS

Men 40+ Finals: K.N. Sandeep bt M.K. Shivakumar 11-9,12-10,11-9.

Semi-finals: K.N. Sandeep bt Ashwin Venugopal 11-2,11-6, 20-18; M.K. Shivakumar bt M.G. Deepak 8-11,16-14,11-13,11-8,11-4.

Men 50+ Finals: Manideep Sen bt K. Harishkar 11-9,12-10,12-10.

Semi-finals: K. Harishkar bt S.S. Sundeep 14-12,11-9,11-6; Manideep Sen bt K.L. Shridhar 11-8,11-9,11-2.

Men 60+ Finals: Vishu Botta bt R. Prasad 13-11,11-7,11-8.

Semi-finals: Vishu Botta bt Murugesh Kubsud 9-11,11-6,11-7,11-6; R. Prasad bt M.N. Raghavendra 7-11,11-7,11-6,11-4.

Men 65+ Finals: Gururaj bt G. Manoharan 7-11,11-5,11-7,11-6.

Semi-finals: G. Manoharan bt Udayshankar Rao 11-9,11-9,4-11,11-8; Gururaj bt Sanjiv C 8-11,11-8.11-9,11-6.

Men 70+ Finals: V.R. Vaidya bt K.A. Udayshankar 12-10,11-7,11-13,11-9,11-7.

Semi-finals: K.A. Udayshankar bt G.Y. Prabhakhar 11-5,11-6,11-5; V.R. Vaidya bt N.K. Kabra 11-2,11-2,8-11,11-7.

Men 75 Finals: K.V. Krishnamurthy bt Dr. Sainath Iyer 11-7,11-6,11-6.

Semi-finals: K.V. Krishnamurthy bt K. Sathyanarayana 11-9,12-10,8-11,5-11,19-17; Dr. Sainath Iyer bt S. Gopalan 11-8,11-8,11-9.

Women 40+ Finals: Radhika Dorle bt Anjana P. Rao11-5,11-5,8-11,11-9.

Semi-finals: Radhika Dorle bt R. Samina 9-11,5-11,11-9,11-3,11-8; Anjana P. Rao bt Soumya Sandeep 11-6,11-7,13-11.

Women 50+ Finals: Premee bt Gayathri Adiga 11-3,11-9,11-7.

Semi-finals: Premee bt S. Anitha 11-8,11-6, 8-11, 12-10; Gayathri Adiga bt K. Pradnya 11-7,11-9,8-11,11-3.

UoM Ball Badminton team for Inter-Varsity Tourney

The men's ball badminton team of University of Mysore (UoM), which will be taking part in the South Zone Inter-University Ball Badminton Men Tournament, to be held at SRM University, Chennai from today. Seen are (standing from left) K.S. Harshith, H.D. Lohith Kumar, D. Sunil, G. Tharun, R. Mahadevswamy, B.J. Naveen, M.C. Mohana, K.R. Praveen and Gowtham Gowda; (sitting) Pavan (Manager), Dr. P. Krishnaiah, In-charge Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), UoM, Paramesh (Coach) and H.N. Punith Gowda.

Saina Nehwal ties the knot with Parupalli Kashyap

Ace Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal took her fans by surprise as she posted a photograph with badminton player Parupalli Kashyap on Friday announcing her marriage. Saina, who was all set to tie the knot with Kashyap on December 16, wrote on Twitter, "Best match of my life...#justmarried." Saina and Kashyap had posted several photographs on their social media accounts of late, where they were seen handing over invitation cards to their loved ones in the last few weeks. While Saina was the first one to post a message, Kashyap also tweeted, "Best match of my life."

Send assignments by Jan.31: KSOU to students

Mysuru, Dec.15 - Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has started internal evaluation of B.A., B.Com, M.A, M.Com, B. Lib Science, M.Sc courses (2018-19). As part of its continuous evaluation, KSOU has published course-wise and paper-wise assignment questions with clear directions to the students on its website www.ksomysore.karnataka.gov.in.

The KSOU students who have gained admission in the academic year 2018-19 are compulsorily asked to submit the assignments as per the mentioned directions latest by Jan.31, 2019. The students are requested to check the University website, as no individual information will be sent to the students by post.

Also the second set of questions will be published in Jan.2019, according to a press release from KSOU Registrar.

Charlatan duping women arrested, 361 gm gold recovered

Mysuru, Dec.15 (US) - Devaraja Police have arrested S. Manjesh, 34, of Hurulichikkanahalli in Nelamangala taluk of Bengaluru Rural District on Dec.9 at city bus stand. On interrogation, the Police learnt that Manjesh was involved in 13 cases, six in city and one each in Tumakuru, Arakalagudu, Nagamangala, Soladevanahalli, Chamarajanagar, K.R. Pet and Hassan.

The Charlatan Manjesh was said to have convinced gullible elderly women about getting loan and financial assistance from the Government and had received gold jewels from those women.

The Police have recovered 361 gm gold worth Rs.1 crore.

Bike hits tree, two killed, two injured

Nanjangud, Dec.15 (US) - Two persons were killed and two injured when the bike they were riding on allegedly hit a tree near Shani temple near Shiramalli in the taluk on Thursday night.

The deceased have been identified as Raju (23) and Nagendra (24) of Shiramalli. The two injured Bharat Kumar, 19 of Shiramalli and Kumar of Nitre village in Gundlupet taluk have been admitted to Nanjangud Government Hospital and NIMHANS, Bengaluru respectively.

The Bajaj Pulsar bike (KA-10 W0220) was reportedly ridden by Raju with three others on pillion.

Nanjangud Traffic Police have registered the case. The bodies of the deceased were handed over to their family after post-mortem.

Police arrest woman, her brother and four others for strangling her husband

Maddur, Dec.15 (US) - A woman, her brother and four of his friends have been arrested by Kesthur Police for allegedly strangling her husband recently.

Uma, the woman in question was married to Ramesh and residing at Athagur village in the taluk and was being reportedly harassed by Ramesh. The dejected Uma was learnt to have asked her brother Mohan to teach a lesson and correct Ramesh. Accordingly, Mohan along with his friends Yogesh, Abhi and Chetan reportedly took Ramesh on Nov.23 to Shivapura, got him drunk and left him on Athagur Road after badly assaulting him.

Villagers on seeing the badly hurt Ramesh shifted him to his house. Uma instead of rushing Ramesh to a hospital teamed with one Gurusiddaiah, another friend of her brother and allegedly strangled Ramesh. Hoodwinking the villagers that Ramesh had died of natural reasons, Uma got the body cremated.

Suspecting a foul play Ramesh's sister Yashoda lodged a complaint with Kesthur Police who have arrested Uma, Mohan, Abhi, Chetan, Gurusiddaiah and Yogesh. The murder plot got exposed during interrogation.

Farmer ends life

P.V. Ramesh

Periyapatna, Dec.15 - A 52-year old farmer, unable to clear debts, ended his life by hanging self at his farm at Poonadahalli in Periyapatna taluk yesterday. P.V. Ramesh (52), son of Venkatappa of Poonadahalli is the deceased.

Ramesh was said to be in deep debts, after borrowing loans from banks and private money lenders. Ramesh, who was deeply depressed by crop loss and crash in prices, committed suicide by hanging from a tree at his farmland on Friday evening.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter. The Periyapatna Police have registered a case.

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Jayachandra Raju of Daksha PU College Bags Bharat Ratan Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Excellence Award

Pic 1: Awarded the "Mahatma Gandhi Samman-2018 in the Global Achievers Conclave held in the House of Commons - London, on 25th October 2018.
Pic 2: Awarded the "Abdul Kalam Award - 2018" in the "National Integration & Economic Growth Conference" held in Delhi on 29th September 2018.
Pic 3: Speaking in the "National Integration & Economic Growth Conference", Delhi.

Mr. Jayachandra Raju. Founder Chairman of "Global Education Trust" - "Daksha PU College, Mysuru" serving the United Nation since 1996;

Speech - Text of Essence:Peace and Stability is the prime mover for national integration and economic growth.

The number of hungry people in the world is growing again, in large part due to climate change that is wreaking havoc on crop production in much of the developing world.

The world's resources are limited and are not evenly distributed. The gap between haves and have-nots is huge. We have been abusing the natural resources, leading to imbalances and destruction.

In 2015, Member States of the UN, adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals are a call for action by all countries – poor, rich and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand in hand with strategies that build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

The Sustainable Development Goals should form the core of all administrative and implementation policies at all levels, Community & Village Panchayats, Municipal and City Corporations, District, State and National Governments.

The Goals interconnect and in order not to leave anyone behind it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030 or at the earliest, if possible.

The Sustainable Development Goals should form the core principle at all levels of governance, for entrepreneurs and corporates a part of their CSR and, all of us as individuals in our respective circles of influence.

To save Mother Earth and enable sustainable living for our future generations, let us join hands and do whatever we can do to achieve these essential goals.

Advt.

WORD OF THE DAY

Repartee

Pronunciation: Rep-er-TEE.
Meaning: A quick and witty reply.

Origin: One person often noted for her repartee was Dorothy Parker, writer and legendary member of the Algonquin Round Table. Upon hearing that Calvin Coolidge had died, she replied, "How can they tell?" The taciturn Coolidge obviously didn't have a reputation for being the life of the party, but he himself came out with a particularly famous repartee on one occasion. When a dinner guest approached him and told him she had bet someone she could get him to say more than two words, he replied, "You lose." Repartee, our word for such a quick, sharp reply (and for skill with such replies) comes from the French repartie, of the same meaning. Repartie itself is formed from the French verb repartir, meaning "to retort."
Example: Allen's repartee to the teacher's question made the whole class burst out laughing.

THE ODD WORD

Rawky

Foggy, damp, and cold.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Run the gauntlet

Meaning: To go through a series of criticisms or harsh treatments at the hands of one's detractors.

Origin: Gauntlets are familiar to us today as the stout leather gloves used for gardening and the like. Medieval gauntlets were made of even sterner stuff. Gauntlets, gantlettes, gauntelotes, etc., formed part of suits of armour. They were usually covered with plates of steel and were as useful for attack as for defence. When a dispute arose involving a member of the English nobility who was wealthy enough to own his own armour then he (it was always a he) would literally 'throw down the gauntlet' as a challenge. Another ancient custom of British fighting men was a form of punishment in which the culprit was made to run stripped to the waist between two rows of men who whipped and beat him as he passed by. These beatings were extremely severe and the victims often died as a result.
Example: Some of the witnesses had to run the gauntlet of television cameras and reporters.

QUOTE BOX

Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt. **—William Shakespeare**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: Go down in flames.

SUDOKU

7	9			5		2		
2							4	
		6			7			
		8				6		5
	7			3			1	
6		3				8		
			1			4		
	5							9
		1		2			5	8

Answer to previous puzzle

5	7	4	8	6	1	2	9	3
1	8	3	9	5	2	7	4	6
9	2	6	7	4	3	5	1	8
6	1	8	3	2	5	4	7	9
7	4	9	6	1	8	3	5	2
3	5	2	4	9	7	6	8	1
4	9	5	1	3	6	8	2	7
2	6	7	5	8	9	1	3	4
8	3	1	2	7	4	9	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

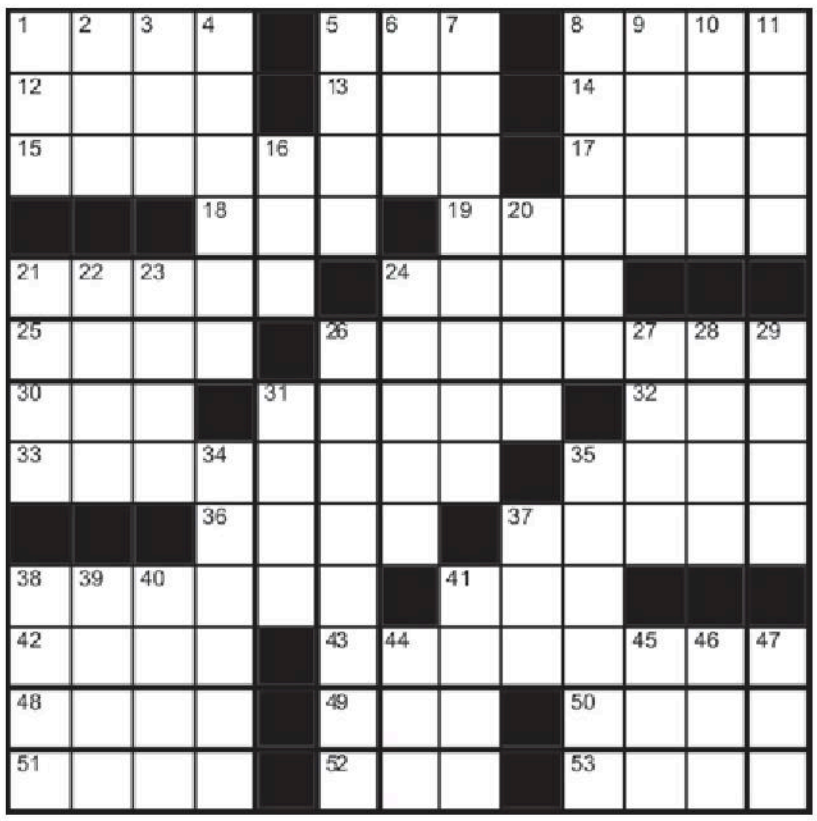
1 Belonging to Alfred, in short?
5 Gave food to
8 Shopping complex
12 Scottish lake
13 Frozen water
14 Charles Lamb's pseudonym?
15 Estimates the value or worth of
17 Ex-tennis champion Marcelo ____
18 Deep groove
19 A learned person
21 Open-mouthed
24 A group of larks or quail
25 "A rim" changed for a girl?
26 Leg-spinner ____ Hirwani
30 Another word for 'suitable'
31 Hop-drying kilns
32 An idiotic person
33 Condenses written work
35 Russian gymnast __ Korbut
36 Lip -__ : understand speech in spite of being deaf?
37 A long weapon with a sharp point
38 Informal gathering
41 Decimal point
42 Australian birds
43 Jet, Indigo, Go Air, etc
48 Not often seen
49 National Defence Academy, in short
50 Colloquial denial?
51 Terminates
52 Carry the ___ : be victorious?
53 Gravel or fortitude?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

E	V	A	■	A	P	S	O	■	S	M	E	E
I	O	U	■	S	I	L	L	■	A	E	R	Y
S	A	D	D	E	N	E	D	■	R	E	N	E
■	■	I	R	A	T	E	■	R	A	K	E	D
B	E	T	A	■	O	P	R	A	H	■	■	■
A	W	O	K	E	■	S	O	B	■	S	H	E
H	E	R	E	T	O	■	B	A	S	H	E	D
T	R	Y	■	H	R	H	■	T	H	I	R	D
■	■	■	R	E	B	E	C	■	E	L	B	A
P	U	R	E	R	■	L	O	C	A	L	■	■
U	P	I	N	■	S	P	A	R	R	O	W	S
M	O	O	D	■	S	E	T	A	■	N	I	A
A	N	T	S	■	C	R	I	B	■	G	I	R

DOWN

1 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
2 "L" in L.A. the famous city?
3 Flight Control Sys.
4 Nepalese porter
5 A clenched hand
6 Economic Community of Europe, in short?
7 Sweet courses
8 Windies paceman Dillon
9 Ms Bhatt of Bollywood
10 Felis Leo
11 Opposite of first
16 Bring to court
20 Streets or roads, in short?
21 Verdi opera
22 Garden denizen
23 New World abbr. - "Ream" anagram?
24 Located or founded in?
26 North Eastern state - capital Kohima
27 Unemployment pay
28 Musical form in Hindustani classical music
29 At a great distance
31 Halls, theatres
34 Showy flowers - "rise is" anagram?
35 Choosing or selecting
37 Latin sun
38 Dry and withered
39 Arabian sultanate
40 Coagulated milk
41 A brewer's cart
44 Girl's name
45 And not?
46 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
47 Major division of tennis match



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZFR XHYCZ HL SYJYCU WCV HL TRYCU WC HXZYDYEZ, YE ZH TR

LHHSYEF RCHQUF ZH TRSYRJR ZFR TREZ YE KRZ ZH IHDR

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Those who don't know how to weep with their whole heart, don't know how to laugh either.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Viraaj	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Orange	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Bhairava Geetha	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Sedu	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Rangada Hudugaru	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Aranyani	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Aquaman	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Roar	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Metric Pass 3	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Odiyan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Johnny	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
2.0 (3D)	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
2.0 (2D)	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Sarkar	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows

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Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Viraaj (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Ben Is Back (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Odiyan (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.00 pm
Kedarnath (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Aquaman (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Spider-Man (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Spider-Man (2D-E)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Aquaman (2D-E)	(S-2)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Kedarnath (H)	(S-4)	9.40 pm
2.0 (2D-Ta)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
2.0 (2D-H)	(S-3)	10.00 am; (S-2) 3.45 pm
Odiyan (Ma)	(S-4)	10.30 am
	(S-3)	6.35 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Orange (K)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Aranyani (K)	(S-4)	1.50 pm
Sedu (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Viraaj (K)	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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Odiyan (Ma)	9.15 am, 3.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse (E)	9.30 am
Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse (3D-E)	1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
2.0 (H)	10.05 am, 6.40 pm
2.0 (Ta)	12.45 pm
Aquaman (3D-E)	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Aquaman (E)	12.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Orange (K)	1.20 pm
Kedarnath (H)	4.00 pm, 9.50 pm
Viraaj (K)	4.20 pm
Thuppakki Munai (Ta)	7.10 pm
Aranyani (K)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC.15)

Department of Business Administration, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru and Dhyandeep HCM Corporate Training Centre, Bengaluru: Executive Development Prog. on 'Human Resource Information System,' MBA Block, College premises, **up to 10.30 pm.**

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: 58th Annual celebrations, Palakkombu procession, **3.30 pm to 7 pm;** Devotional songs by Mysore Rangaswamy and party, **6 pm;** Palkindi Procession, Konda and Mangalam, temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **12 midnight.**

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH): Graduation Day-2018, Prof. T.D. Kemparaju, VC, Bangalore North University and Prof. J. Shashidhara Prasad, former VC, Mysore University, chief guests, Prof. R. Rangasayee, Chair-Audiology Committee, International Association of Logopedic and Phoniatrics, guest of honour, Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, presides, Seminar Hall, Knowledge Park, Naimisham campus, AIISH, **4.30 pm.**

St. Joseph's School, Jayalakshmipuram: Annual Day celebrations, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director Vipul Kumar chief guest, Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William presides, School campus, **4.30 pm.**

Raaga Music Academy: Wellness and Music programme, talk on 'Healthy living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre Director Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy, **4.30 pm to 5.15 pm;** Saxophone Recital by Vid. Mysore Harish Pandav, accompanied by Vid. Surup Thathachar on violin, Vid. Vishnuvardhana on mridanga and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on ghata, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempungar, **5.30 pm.**

Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala: Annual Day (LKG to 4th std.), Sri Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji will grace the occasion, Institution Chairman R. Guru presides, School premises, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm.**

Inner Wheel District 318, India: *Hrudaya Sangama* - 49th Inner Wheel District 318 Conference, Paediatric Cardiologist Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri inaugurates, Rtn. Abhinandan A. Shetty, Governor, Rotary International District 3182, releases souvenir, Shubhodini Convention Centre, Outer Ring Road, Hebbal, **5 pm.**

Police Public School: 10th Annual Day celebrations, International Athlete Arjun Devaiah Theethamada chief guest, IGP (Southern Range) K.V. Sharath Chandra presides, SP Amit Singh guest of honour, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) auditorium, Jalapuri, **5 pm.**

Sapna Book House: Book launch — 'The Forbidden Quest of Mysore' — by Publisher Miriam Cherian, author in conversation with Shubha Sanjay Urs and Veni, Sapna Book House, Narayan Shastry Road, **5.15 pm.**

JSS Public School: Valedictory of *Manasadhara Fest*, 24th Annual Day Celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath presides, Rashmi Kaujalgi of *Andolana* chief guest; Dr. Anand of B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences delivers valedictory address, School premises, J.P. Nagar, **5.30 pm.**

Jnanodaya PU College: 7th Annual Day, Sri Bharathi Theertha Swamiji and Sri Vidhushekhara Bharathi Swamiji graces the occasion, KSOU VC Prof. D. Shivalingaiah chief guest, Sringeri Sri Sharada Peetam Administrator & CEO Dr. V.R. Gowrishankar presides, College premises, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust: *'Namma Habbagalu: Drushya-Kavya,'* instrumental assistance by S. Vishwanath on mandolin, Shanmukha Sajja on keyboard, Atmaram on tabla and H.L. Ananthakrishnaswami on rhythm pad; Singer Deepika Pandurangi inaugurates, former Mayor Modamani chief guest, Trust President K.V. Murthy presides, Academy Founder H.R. Leelavathi will be present, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Nadaranjani: Violin Maestro Vid. P. Shamanna memorial music programme, felicitation to violinist Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy and mridangist Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar; Mysuru Akashavani Assistant Director H. Srinivas chief guest, art patron *Sangeetha Seva Ratna* K.V. Murthy presides, **5.30 pm;** Vocal concert by Vid. Vinay Sharva, accompanied by Vid. Dr. K.T. Uday Kiran on Violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on Mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on Ghata, Bidaram Krishnappa Rama Mandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

DMS (Demonstration Multipurpose School): 10th Global DMS Alumni get-together, Hotel Roost, Hunsur Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Shantha Narasimhan Memorial Concert, Veena recital by Vidu. M.K. Saraswathi, Trust premises, Temple Road, V.V. Puram, **6 pm.**

Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya: Bhagavad Gita Jayanti Mahotsava-2018, discourse on 'Geeta Jnana - Yashasvi Jeevana' by BK Rashmi, #79, Swarnimabhavan, M-Block, near Umamaheshwari Temple, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission: Datta Jayanti Mahotsava, Gita Jnana Yajna by Swami Aparajitanandaji on Bhagavad Gita, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Sri Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of the play *'Nenapadalu Shakuntale'*, directed by S. Ramanath, Bhoomigeetha auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC.16)

Department of Business Administration, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru and Dhyandeep HCM Corporate Training Centre, Bengaluru: Executive Development Programme on 'Human Resource Information System,' MBA Block, College premises, **9.30 am to 10.30 pm.**

Mysore Art Gallery : Books release — 'Kalanveshaka Trayaru' and 'Saadhakara Savihejje' authored by L. Shivalingappa — by Prof. Malali Vasanthkumar, seminar and exhibition-cum-sale of paintings, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **10 am.**

Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya: Bhagavad Gita Jayanti Mahotsava-2018, Dance feature on Bhagavad Gita, **10 am;** Discourse on 'Geeta Jnana - Yashasvi Jeevana' by BK Rashmi, #79, Swarnimabhavan, M-Block, near Umamaheshwari Temple, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Fine Arts and Handicrafts Division, Karnataka Exhibition Authority: Face Painting Competition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 12.30 pm.**

Art of Living Ashram: Talk on 'Awareness through Gnana Yoga, Karma Yoga, Bhakti Yoga and Raja Yoga' by Divyapaadaji, Ashram premises, **11 am to 12 noon.**

Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa Welfare Association: 5th anniversary and 531st Kanaka Jayantyotsava, MLA Dr. Yatindra Siddharamaiah inaugurates, ex-MP Vijayashankar chief guest, KPCC Member K. Marigowda presides, Association premises, Ramabai Nagar, **11 am.**

Venkatagiri Prakashana: Vijayadashami Kavi Sammelana, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, poetess Dr. Vimalashree inaugurates, retired Principal Prof. N. Girigowda presides, Maharaja Sanskrit College auditorium, **11.30 am.**

Sabarimala Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti, and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple: 58th Annual celebrations, 19th Dhwajarohana Mahotsava, welcome to Thanthry and group, **12.30 pm;** Maha Annadanam, **1 pm to 3 pm;** Vastu Homa and Pujas, **5.30 pm**; Kalasha Purja, Vastu Bali, Prasada distribution, temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha: Dhanurmasa Puja, a month-long discourse on Thiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha Gupta,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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Bhavasara Vision India, Mysore Area - 108: Installation Ceremony of Jagadish Kutnikar as Presdietn, Lalige Manjunath as Secretary and Board of Director - 2019; S.B. Narayan Rao Tatuskar, BVI Founder, inaugurates, Mallri Rao Kangokar, Governor Area-108 Installing Officer, Dr. B.H. Manjunath, President, Mysuru City BJP, chief guests, Gajendranath Malode, National President, BVI and others guests of honour, Shri Pandurangaswamy Temple, Kabir Road, **10.30 am.**

Inner Wheel District 318, India: *Hrudaya Sangama* - 49th Inner Wheel District 318 Conference, Paediatric Cardiologist Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri inaugurates, Rtn. Abhinandan A. Shetty, Governor, Rotary International District 3182, releases souvenir, Shubhodini Convention Centre, Outer Ring Road, Hebbal, **5 pm.**

BHASANGE Balaga: A music programme in memory of art critic S.R. Krishnamurthy (SRK), Vid. R.K. Padmanabhaa presents Karnatak classical Veena recital, accompanied by Vid. Kumara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. V. S. Ramesh on ghata, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, Mysuru, **6 pm**.

Articulate: Bharatanatyam by Karuna Ketan Bhakta, Viji Rao and Priyanjali Rao Kathak by Richa Gupta, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sneha Kiran of Mysore Spastic Society: Dinner-cum-entertainment programme, 'Kristaanjali,' a dance-drama by the special children of Sneha Kiran in collaboration with the students of Shri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrityalaya Charitable Trust, St. Philomena's Indoor Stadium, Bannimantap, **6 pm.**

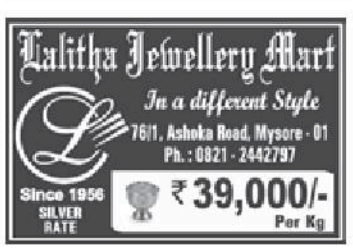
Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, V.V. Mohalla: Dhanurmasa Puja, a month-long discourse on Thiruppavai by Vidwan Dr. M.A. Alwar, Trust premises, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Monthly musical programme, Vocal recital by Vid. K.T. Udaya Kiran (Vocal), accompanied by Vid. Venkatesh Josier (Violin) and Vid. A. Radesh (Mridanga), Sri Rama Mandira in Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of the play *'Nenapadalu Shakuntale'*, directed by S. Ramanath, Bhoomigeetha auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Natana: The play 'Hu Anda.. Uhu Anda..!' by Kinnara Mela, Tumari [The play, adapted by Vaidehi, is directed by K.G. Krishnamurthy], Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **7 pm.**



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